GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:49
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2005
COAL SHORTAGE
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual requirement of coal by National Thermal Power Corporation during the last three years;

(b) whether this requirement is met from the domestic coal production;

(c) if so, whether Ministries of Power and Coal have agreed on a detailed roadmap to deal with the existing shortages of coal for power plants;

(d) whether both the Ministries have agreed for short term imports of coal that are being planned for 2005-06 to meet the coal shortage of the power plants in the country; and

(e) if so, the total imports of coal that will be made to meet the coal shortage in the power plants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 25.11.2005 REGARDING COAL SHORTAGE.

(a) : The annual requirement of coal of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) during the last three years projected on the basis of generation target fixed by CEA and stock requirement upto normative level was as under:

(In Million Tonne)

2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
80.736	86.137	97.528

The actual requirement due to better availability of machines and demand for power as well as the actual consumption during the last three years were as under:

(In Million Tonne)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Requirement	83.097	91.611	101.333
Consumption	83.097	90.113	98.786

(b) : The coal requirement of NTPC during the past three years was entirely met from the domestic coal production.

(c) : Ministry of Power and Ministry of Coal have taken up following measures to deal with the existing shortages of coal for thermal power plants:

Short-term measures:

(i) Import of coal.

(ii) Increasing domestic production of coal.

(iii) Emergency mining plan.

Medium-term measures:

(i) Allocation of new coal blocks to power producers/utilities including one coal block, viz. Pakri Barwadih in Jharkhand to NTPC.

(ii) Streamlined procedure by Ministry of Environment & Forests to expedite environment / forest clearance to pending coal mining projects.

(iii) Quicker investment decisions.

(d) : In order to bridge the present gap between demand and supply of coal from indigenous sources and to build the stock, import of 13.45 million tonne (MT) coal has been planned during 2005-06 for the thermal power plants all over the country including a component of 3.98 MT in respect of NTPC stations.

(e) : Import of 20 million tonne coal has been envisaged for 2006-07.